



Date: August 7, 2008

To: City Manager for Council Action

From: Director of Planning and Inspection

Subject: Continue the appeal of the Planning Commission action to approve a height variance for the new roller coaster ride at Great America to the August 26, 2008 City Council meeting

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the July 8th meeting, the City Council referred a height-variance application for the new roller coaster ride at Great America to the City Manager for further information and analysis and to report back to the Council on August 19, 2008. Representatives for both Cedar Fair (corporation that owns the theme park) and Prudential (owner of adjoining office buildings) have since agreed to a peer review of the acoustical analysis. More time is needed to complete this analysis, and representatives for Cedar Fair and Prudential have agreed to continue the Council's review until August 26.

ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF ISSUE:

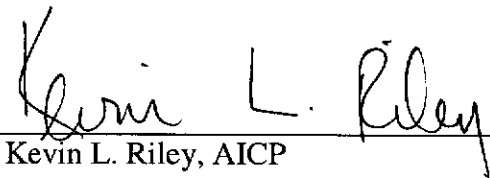
The advantage in continuing this item will allow time to complete the peer review of the acoustical analysis. Staff is evaluating whether more time may be needed beyond August 26, 2008. An update on the time needed to complete the peer review will be provided at the August 19, 2008 meeting.

ECONOMIC/FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no cost to the City other than administrative staff time and expense.

RECOMMENDATION:

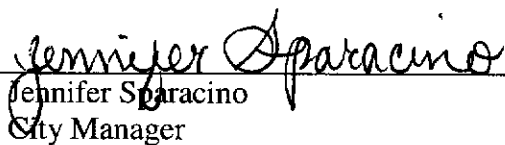
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